AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5, 13, 15-21, 28 and 30-48 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 are amended. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1. (Currently amended.) A method for testing the cleaning effect of a compound or compositions containing said compound, said method comprising:

(a) preparing a liquid sample of less than 10 ml comprising said compound,

(b) applying said liquid sample to a stained surface, wherein the surface is an inorganic surface selected from metal, glass, ceramic, enamel concrete, rock, marble, gypsum and composite combinations thereof or an organic surface selected from wood, paper, leather, fur, paint and fabric,

(c) applying mechanical stress to said stained surface by contacting said stained surface with a body present in said liquid sample,

(d) evaluating the cleaning effect of applying solution and mechanical stress on said stained surface.

Claim 2. (Currently amended.) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~test~~ compound is selected from the group consisting of enzymes, enzyme stabilizers, enzyme inhibitors, enzyme enhancers, enzyme co-factors, builders, builder systems, bleach systems, bleach activators, metal-containing bleach catalyst, optical brighteners, nonionic -, anionic -, cationic -, zwitterionic and amphoteric surfactants, fabric softening agents, softening clays, clay flocculants, dye-transfer inhibiting agents, polymeric soil release agents, clay soil removal agents, anti-soil redeposition agents, polymeric dispersing systems, chelating agents, alkoxylated polycarboxylates, perfumes, perfume systems, carrier systems, dyes and pigments, fabric care agents and color care agents.

Claim 3. (Original.) The method of claim 2, wherein the enzymes are alkaline.

Claim 4. (Currently amended.) The method of claim 1, wherein the liquid sample has a volume selected from 5 - 95% ~~of the volume~~ of 3.7 ml, 320 µl, 160 µl, and 14 µl, respectively.

Claim 5. (Cancelled.)

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Claim 6. (Currently amended.) The method of claim ~~5~~1, wherein the surface is a fabric.

Claim 7. (Original.) The method of claim 6, wherein the fabric is made from natural plant fibers, animal based fibres or synthetic fibres or combinations thereof.

Claim 8. (Original.) The method of claim 7, wherein the fabric is woven or non-woven.

Claim 9. (Original.) The method of claim 8, wherein the fabric is a cellulose containing fabric selected from textiles and tissues or an animal based fabric.

Claim 10. (Original.) The method of claim 1, wherein the stain comprises a traceable compound or composition associated to the surface.

Claim 11. (Original.) The method of claim 10, wherein the stain is a traceable compound or composition associated to the surface.

Claim 12. (Original.) The method of claim 10, wherein the traceable compound is selected from light absorbing dyes, fluorescent dyes, radioactive compounds, reactive compounds and catalysts or activators capable of performing measurable interaction with substrates.

Claim 13. (Cancelled.)

Claim 14. (Original.) The method of claim 10, wherein the traceable compound is in a soiling composition.

Claims 15-21. (Cancelled.)

Claim 22. (Original.) The method of claim 1, wherein the mechanical stress is applied by moving the body against the surface.

Claim 23. (Original.) The method of claim 22, wherein the liquid sample applied to the stained surface by moving the body against the surface and depositing liquid sample adhering to the moving body.

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Claim 24. (Original.) The method of claim 23, wherein the body is moved by repeatedly applying a force to the body.

Claim 25. (Original.) The method of claim 24, wherein the force is an oscillating force selected from randomly oscillating force and periodically oscillating force.

Claim 26. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 24, wherein the force is selected from magnetic force, electromagnetic force, electrical force, mechanical force and combinations thereof.

Claim 27. (Original.) The method of claim 26, wherein the force is a magnetic force applied to a magnetizable body by moving a magnet relative to the container containing the body.

Claim 28. (Cancelled.)

Claim 29. (Previously presented.) A device suitable for testing cleaning effect of a composition, said device comprising:

(a) at least one container having a volume of less than 10 ml,

(b) at least one body capable of moving inside the container,

(c) at least one stained surface, preferably a stained fabric and

(d) means for providing movement of the body relatively to the stained surface.

Claims 30-48 (Cancelled.)

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